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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Steven M. Blumenau
Continuation of Utility Patent Application
Original Serial No.: 09/342,474
Title: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR INTERFACING
TO A DATA STORAGE SYSTEM
Original Filing Date: June 29, 1999
Filing date of this
Continuation: July 18, 2003
Former Examiner: Tuan V. Thai
Former Art Unit: 2186

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REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUATION PATENT APPLICATION

Sir:

- This is a request for filing a Continuation patent application under 37 CFR 1.60 of pending prior application number 09/342,474, filed June 29, 1999, entitled

METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR INTERFACING TO A DATA STORAGE SYSTEM

- The front page of the specification has been amended by inserting before the first line, the sentences: "This Patent Application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/342,474, filed June 29, 2003, Attorney Docket No. EMC99-02(98102), entitled "METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR INTERFACING TO A DATA STORAGE SYSTEM." The entire contents and teachings of this referenced application are hereby incorporated by reference herein.

- Formal Drawings are enclosed

- The inventor of the invention being claimed in this application is:

Steven M. Blumenau

- A copy of the original Declaration from the parent application signed by the inventor is enclosed.

- The prior application is assigned of record to: EMC Corporation, Hopkinton, Massachusetts.

Accordingly, also enclosed with this Request is/are the following items:

- Transmittal Letter (4 pages, in duplicate); Total Pages 8;
- Request for Filing a Continuation Patent Application (This Form); Total Pages 4
- Utility Patent Application Specification including Title of the Invention, Background of the Invention, Summary of the Invention, Brief Description of the Drawings, Detailed Description, Claim(s) 1 and Abstract of the Disclosure, Total Pages: 42;
- Formal Drawings: (Figs:1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9), Total Sheets: 9;

- Rule 122, Request for Non-Publication, Total Pages: 1;
- Prior Executed Oath/Declaration: Total Pages: 2;
- Return Receipt Postage Pre-paid Postcards for this continuation application (in duplicate), Total postcards: 2;

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			TOTAL FEE FOR THIS PATENT APPLICATION =	\$ 750.00

DOCKET NUMBER CHANGE FOR CONTINUATION:

Please note that a new Docket Number has been assigned to this continuation application. The new docket number is: EMC03-10(98102)

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	Title	METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR INTERFACING TO A DATA STORAGE SYSTEM
	Atty. Docket Number	EMC03-10(98102)

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

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This request must be signed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.33(b) and submitted with the application **upon filing**.

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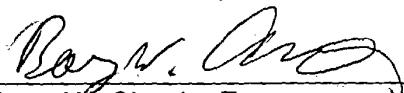
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